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Point, 1918; professor of military science and tactics.

Samuel A. Tenison, H.S., James Millikan University, 1914; assistant professor of physical education.

Roscoe G. Dickinson, S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1915; Ph.D., California Institute of Technology, 1920; National Research Council Fellow; research associate in chemistry.

Clyde L. E. Wolfe, B.S., Occidental College, 1906; M.S., Occidental College, 1907; A.M., Harvard University, 1908; Ph.D., University of California, 1919; instructor in mathematics.

Ernest H. Swift, B.S., in chemistry, University of Virginia, 1918; M.S., California Institute of Technology, 1920; instructor in analytical chemistry.

Fred L. Poole, B.S., California Institute of Technology, 1918; M.S., Union College, 1919; instructor in electrical engineering.

Fred K. Converse, B.S., in mechanical engineering, University of Rochester, 1914; instructor in civil engineering.

Glen G. H. Bowlus, B.S., Purdue University, 1912; instructor in mechanical drawing.

James B. Friauf, A.B., University of Montana, 1918; instructor in physics.

THE HECKSCHER FOUNDATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

THE committee on general administration of the Cornell University board of trustees, on October 2, adopted a plan for the administration of the income from the Heckscher Foundation for the Promotion of Research in Cornell. August Heckscher gave Cornell University \$500,000 last summer as an endowment to promote research. The plan of administration is described in the following resolutions which the committee adopted:

That the income shall be used only for the promotion of research, including the publication of the results thereof.

That for the present the income shall not be used for permanent research professorships.

That the income shall not be used to increase the emoluments of any member of the teaching staff.

That the income shall not be used intentionally to promote investigation leading to patent rights or to the pecuniary benefit of the investigators through patent rights, or in any similar manner.

That for the administration of the foundation

there be established a council to be known as the Heckscher Research Council. This council shall consist of the president of the university, *ex officio*, as chairman; two trustees to be elected by the board of trustees whose respective terms as members of the council shall continue until the expiration of their then respective terms as trustees; the dean of the graduate school, *ex officio*; four members of the university faculty, two from each of the two groups known as the group of sciences and the group of letters as specified in Section 2 of Article XII. of the university statutes and relating to the university library; and two emeritus professors to be selected annually by the council.

The terms of the four faculty members to be elected by the groups of the faculty shall, at the first election, be for one, two, three and four years, respectively, and thereafter the term of each shall be four years.

All members of the council shall continue to hold office until their successors are elected.

This council shall, subject to the approval of the board of trustees, have general supervision of research under the Heckscher Foundation, the expenditure of the income of the fund, and all other matters pertaining thereto. The council shall report its recommendations from time to time to the board of trustees and upon the approval of the same the expenditure of appropriations shall follow the usual practise of the university.

The council shall call annually for requests for grants from individual investigators, or groups of investigators proposing to collaborate, but not from departments of the university as such, nor from colleges.

The council shall have power to establish and from time to time modify the rules and regulations governing its meetings and the details of appropriations.

The annual report of progress shall be made to the council by each investigator or group receiving a grant. An annual report to the board of trustees shall be made by the council and a copy thereof sent to the founder of the fund. A minimum of one hundred copies of all publications of the results of the investigations shall be delivered to the council for preservation in the university library and distribution under the direction of the council. A bound copy of such publications shall from time to time be transmitted to the founder.

AUSTRIAN METEOROLOGISTS APPEAL FOR AID

SEVERAL pathetic appeals from Austrian meteorologists or their families have been

received recently by a number of American meteorologists. The following one came to the editor of the *Monthly Weather Review* on October 6:

ZENTRALANSTALT
FÜR
METEOROLOGIE UND GEODYNAMIK.
Wien XIX Hohe Warte 38.

20 September, 1920.

In view of our calamities in Austria, I beg you to help my colleagues, the members of the staff of the Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie in Vienna, in their great need of food. The American Relief Administration Warehouse has published the following circular.

For several weeks the American Relief Administration Warehouses in Austria have been delivering food parcels to holders of food drafts. You can buy at any bank in the United States American Relief Warehouse Drafts and send them to us in Vienna. On presentation of these food drafts at the warehouse in Vienna, we can also draw American food. We are in great need of food in Austria. Individual food parcels sent from America usually do not reach us. Money does us no good when there is no food to buy. Help us in our distress by sending an American Relief Warehouse Food Draft—quickly! For further information apply to American Relief Administration, 115 [present address, 42] Broadway, New York City, or to your own or the nearest bank.

Allow me to draw your attention to it. We are, the families included, 67 persons. We all would thank you very heartily for your kindness.

I am, dear Sir yours very respectfully,
DR. MORIZ TOPOLOANSKY, *Secretary*

Contributions whether to a general fund or for any specific class or individual may be sent direct to the American Relief Administration 42 Broadway, New York City. If any further information as to the general situation among the intellectual classes in central and eastern Europe is desired, it may be had from Dr. Vernon Kellogg, National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

A fund for the purchase of food drafts for Austrian meteorologists in the name of the American Meteorological Society has been started by some members of the society. Contributions toward this fund may be sent to

Charles F. Brooks, Secretary, Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.

THE GILMAN MEMORIAL LECTURES ON GEOGRAPHY

THE Johns Hopkins University announces the inauguration of a course of lectures to be known as The Gilman Memorial Lectures on Geography. These lectures are made possible through the generosity of the family of Daniel Coit Gilman, first president of the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Gilman began his teaching career at Yale (1863-72) as professor of physical and political geography and was a member of the U. S. Commission on the boundary line between Venezuela and British Guiana in 1896-97.

The first series of lectures will begin October 18, and will continue weekly, throughout the academic year. They will be given by Major Lawrence Martin, of the General Staff Corps, who as the chief of the Geographic Section, Military Intelligence Division, U. S. Army, attached to the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, had unusual opportunities for studying at first hand the geographical factors affecting trade in the reorganized states of Europe, Asia Minor and the Caucasus.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At the sixth International Congress of Mathematicians, held at Strasbourg at the end of September, addresses were given by Sir Joseph Larmor, Professor L. E. Dickson, M. de la Vallée-Poussin, M. Volterra and M. Nörlund.

THE Botanical Society of Washington has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: *President*, Charles E. Chambliss; *Vice-president*, P. L. Ricker; *Recording Secretary*, Roy G. Pierce; *Corresponding Secretary*, R. Kent Beattie; *Treasurer*, L. L. Harter.

THE Italian government has conferred upon Dr. Leonard Hill, F.R.S., the Italian silver medal "Ai Benemeriti della Salute Publica."

THE Council for Scientific and Industrial Research of Canada has awarded \$5,000 to as-